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# Monongahela Valley Traction Company

## Coal or Transportation Token?

By: Billy Campbell

Monongahela Valley Traction Company was chartered May 12, 1912 as an electric railroad formed by consolidation of Fairmont and Clarksburg Traction Company and Western Electric Railway Company. In the September 3, 1918 edition of the New York Times newspaper, MTVTC was selling bonds in the amount of \$5,500,000. The article said, "MVTC does the entire electric and gas business in a number of cities and towns and owns valuable coal mining properties."

MVTC had a name change in 1921 to Monongahela Power and Railway Company and, in 1928, the name was changed again to Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company.

Gordon Dodrill, in his 20,000 Coal Company Stores book, states on page 167: No. M1437 and M1438 MVTC had 2 stores, one at Baxter and the other at Rivesville, operating from 1917 to 1923, 100 men at Baxter and 123 men at Rivesville working the mines.

In the December, 1980 issue of Scrip Talk Don Edkins states "All companies in Gordon Dodrill's book have been documented to be coal."

The 1920 annual report of West Virginia Department of Mines lists the MVTC mines at Baxter and Rivesville. The 1921 report shows the name change to Monongahela Power and Railway Company. The Superintendent for all years was Mr. C.E. Potter; J.A. Smith and George Hamrick were mine foremen for all years. The MVTC mine Stafford [Rivesville] in 1920 produced 192,312 tons and traction #2 produced 31,345 tons.

The Central Coal Company operated the Stafford mine from 1903 to 1917 and produced over 2 million tons during that time.

West Virginia Office of Miners Health Safety and Training website shows MVTC at the Stafford Mine in Marion County for the years 1918-1920. The website shows Monongahela Powder [typo error] and Railway Company operated the Stafford Mine in 1921. MVTC under all the names operated railroads, electric and gas plants, and coal mines.

The question of MVTC coal scrip came up in the January, 1978 issue of Scrip Talk. In February, 1978, Robert W. Craig was the question and answer editor, his answer: MVTC IS COAL.

It should be listed that way in a fourth edition of Edkins Catalogue.



# Fall Scrip Show



The fall meeting of the NSCA will be held at Cumberland Gap, TN, on Friday, October 29, and Saturday, October 30, 2010.

There will be a Friday evening banquet hosted by Sue Webb of Web's Country Kitchen and you may be sure it will be delicious. There will be a \$15 charge for the meal and tickets will be sold at the show on Friday afternoon. ***Important:*** So that the caterers can plan accordingly, if you plan to attend the banquet please notify me at 304/429-1180 or drop me a note at 110 Deer Run Road, Huntington, WV 25704. A good showing at the banquet will help the club defray the cost of the show room.

The Cumberland Gap Inn still has rooms available, but you need to call now to make your reservation. Mention the NSCA to get our discounted rate. You can contact the inn at: 423/869-3996.

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JIM LACKEY



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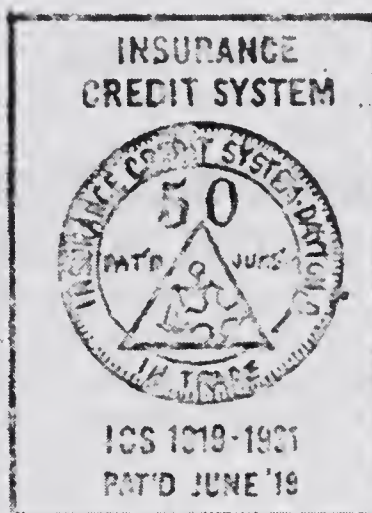
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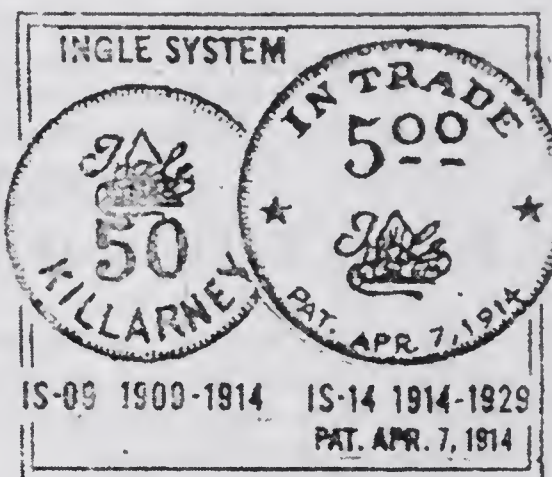
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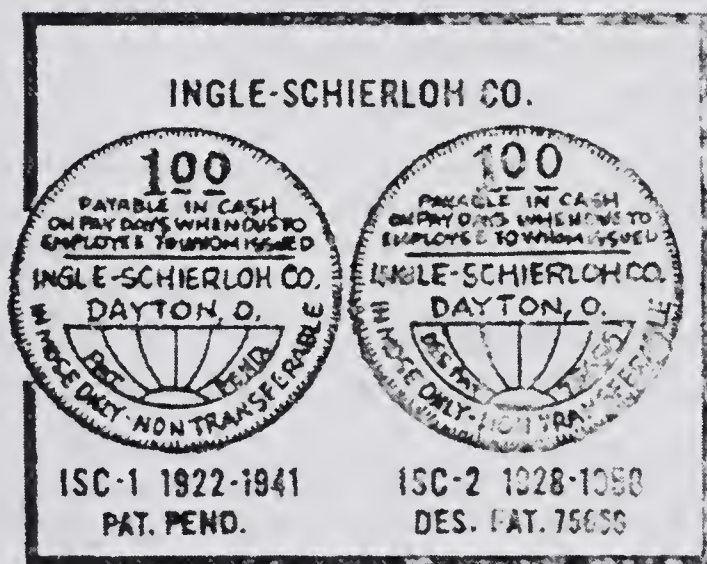


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# Resources from the NSCA

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This 380 page hardcover book lists almost 9000 pieces of scrip. Information includes the company that issued the piece, denominations issued in the series, material the piece is composed of, diameter, shape, visual representation of any cut-out in the piece, and a rarity rating that gives a suggested value.

Issued by the *NSCA*, this is the recognized guide for collecting and valuing scrip. Volume 1 lists scrip from 36 states, not including West Virginia which is the subject of Volume 2. This is the latest edition and also includes a wealth of information about the history of scrip. Sections include: Early Coal History; Scrip Heritage; How Scrip was Used; Fakes; and a look at the makers of scrip.

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*Volume 2, Third Edition*

This 370 page hardcover book lists over 7,400 pieces of West Virginia coal mine scrip. Information includes the company that issued the piece, denominations issued in the series, material the piece is composed of, diameter, shape, visual representation of any cut-out in the piece, and a rarity rating that gives a suggested value. The definitive guide to West Virginia scrip.

Issued by the *NSCA*, this is the latest edition. Volume 2 lists scrip from West Virginia. This is the current edition and includes a wealth of information about the history and use of scrip, as well as the actual listings of individual pieces.

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**Starting Date: 10/24/10**

**Ending Date: 11/24/10**

Lot #	Scrip #	Company and Town	R rating	Condition	Min. bid
1	KY 2303-A25	Providence Mining Co, Providence, Ky	R-8	very good	\$30.00
2	KY 2303-A10	Providence Mining Co, Providence, Ky	R-8	very good	\$30.00
3	KY 2303-A5	Providence Mining Co, Providence, Ky	R-8	very good	\$30.00
4	KY 2303-H10	Ruckman Coal Co. Store (Providence, Ky)	R-10	fine	\$150.00
5	KY 1388-A25	Crabtree Coal Mining Co., Ilseley, Ky (Alum Center Missing)	R-10	very good	\$100.00
6	KY 1755-F5	Harlan Gas Coal Co. (Malcomson, Ky) (Alum Center Missing)	R-10	very good	\$75.00
7	KY 1771-B100	The Allegheny Store, Manco, Ky	R-10	very good	\$175.00
8	KY 2235-A100	Marietta Coal Co. (Pinson Fork, Ky)	R-8	very good	\$35.00
9	KY 2223-C500	Dalton Stores Inc., Pikeville, Ky	R-8	very good	\$20.00
10	KY 2223-C100	Dalton Stores Inc., Pikeville, Ky	R-7	very good	\$15.00
11	KY 2677-J100	Eastern Coal Corporation, Stone, Ky	R-9	very good	\$75.00
12	KY 2677-A50	Sullivan Pond Creek Co. (Stone, Ky)	R-10	very good	\$75.00
13	KY 965-A50	Wells Elkhorn Coal Co., Estill, Ky	R-9	very good	\$45.00
14	KY 2289-C100	Coal Rivier Collieries (Prestonburg, Ky)	R-9	good	\$55.00
15	KY 184-A5	Cumberland Ry. C. & L. Co., Beaver, Ky	R-10	very good	\$150.00
16	KY 893-A25	Elite Coal Co., Elite, Ky	R-10	very good	\$150.00
17	KY 1495-A5	Main Jellico Mt. Coal Co., Kensee, Ky	R-9	very good	\$150.00
18	KY 1103-D100	Gatliff Coal Company, Gatliff, Ky	R-6	very good	\$20.00
19	KY 1103-D25	Gatliff Coal Company, Gatliff, Ky	R-9	very good	\$60.00
20	KY 1103-D10	Gatliff Coal Company, Gatliff, Ky	R-7	very good	\$20.00
21	KY 3009-B50a	Elkhorn Jellico Coal Co., Whitesburg, Ky	R-9	very good	\$55.00
22	KY 3009-B25	Elkhorn Jellico Coal Co., Whitesburg, Ky	R-8	very good	\$45.00
23	KY 1163-A25	Lynn Camp Coal Co. 1906 (Gray, Ky)(Coal Car Pictorial)	R-6	very good	\$50.00
24	KY 1835-A10	Allburn Coal Corporation (McCarr, Ky)	R-7	good	\$15.00
25	KY 9001-A25	R.T. Elswick Gen. Mdse., Elkhorn City, Ky	R-8	good	\$20.00
26	KY 2277-B10	R.T. Elswick Gen. Mdse., Praise, Ky	R-4	good	\$6.00
27	KY 2277-B5	R.T. Elswick Gen. Mdse., Praise, Ky	R-4	good	\$6.00
28	KY 2277-C1	R.T. Elswick Gen. Mdse., Praise, Ky	R-5	good	\$6.00
29	KY 1897-K100b	Kentucky-Tennessee Coal Corp. (Middlesboro, Ky)	R-5	very good	\$15.00
30	KY 1897-K25	Kentucky-Tennessee Coal Corp. (Middlesboro, Ky)	R-8	very good	\$35.00
31	KY 1897-K10	Kentucky-Tennessee Coal Corp. (Middlesboro, Ky)	R-8	very good	\$30.00
32	KY 1897-D5	Mingo Coal & Coke Commissary 1902 (Middlesboro, Ky)	R-8	worn	\$20.00
33	KY 1897-H25	Kenton-Evan Coal Co., Middlesboro, Ky	R-8	very good	\$35.00
34	KY 1897-H5	Kenton-Evan Coal Co., Middlesboro, Ky	R-8	very good	\$35.00
35	KY 1855-A1	The Consolidation Coal Company, Inc., McRoberts, Ky	R-7	good	\$15.00
36	KY 2999-A1	Inland Steel Company, Wheelwright, Ky	R-4	very good	\$6.00
37	KY 2881-C1	Receivers of the Consolidation Coal Co., Van Lear Store	R-7	good	\$15.00
38	KY 2881-A1b	The Consolidation Coal Company, Inc. Van Lear (Ky)	R-3	very good	\$6.00
39	KY 2793-B25	East Jellico Coal Co. 1911 Tinsley, Ky	R-9	good	\$125.00
40	KY 2420-B50	AT Cottingham Bros. (Robards, Ky)	R-10	very good	\$75.00
41	KY 2420-B25	AT Cottingham Bros. (Robards, Ky)	R-10	very good	\$75.00
42	KY 975-B25	Harlar Liberty Coal Co. (sic) Evarts, Ky	R-8	good	\$50.00
43	KY 975-C25	Harlan Co-Operative Coal Co. (Evarts, Ky)	R-7	good	\$22.00
44	KY 2793-C10	Dean Coals, Inc., Tinsley, Ky	R-9	very good	\$75.00
45	KY 1755-E1	Green Silvers Coal Corp., Malcomson, Ky (3-leaf clover pic)	R-7	good	\$15.00

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47	KY 2893-A5a	Harlan-Wallins Coal Corporation, Verda, Ky	R-9	good	\$35.00
48	KY 3003-A5	Virginia-Harlan Coal Corporation, Whipple, Ky	R-9	very good	\$45.00
49	KY 1683-G50	Cornett-Lewis Coal Co., Louellen, Ky	R-8	very good	\$35.00
50	KY 155-C1	Bardo Coal Mining Co., Bardo, Ky	R-7	very good	\$15.00
51	KY 1231-K10	Clover Fork Coal Co., Harlan, Ky	R-7	good	\$15.00
52	KY 923-B100b	Harlan Producers Coal Co., Elys, Ky	R-6	good	\$10.00
53	KY 923-B10	Harlan Producers Coal Co., Elys, Ky	R-5	worn	\$5.00
54	KY 923-C5	Harlan Producers Coal Co., Elys, Ky	R-6	good	\$8.00
55	KY 923-D1a	Harlan Producers Coal Co., Elys, Ky	R-5	very good	\$6.00
56	KY 1405-A100a	Southern Mining Co. (Insull, Ky)	R-6	worn	\$7.00
57	KY 1405-F1	Southern Mining Co., Insull, Ky	R-7	very good	\$7.00
58	KY 2541-B100	Marlowe Coal Co., Scuddy, Ky	R-10	very good	\$50.00
59	KY 2541-A25	Scuddy Coal Company, Inc., Scuddy, Ky	R-9	very good	\$35.00
60	KY 87-A25	Anchor Coal Company, Anchor, Ky (Brown)	R-8	good	\$35.00
61	KY 483-A50	Ky. Cardinal Coal Corp., Cardinal, Ky (Cardinal Pictorial)	R-8	good	\$22.00
62	KY 483-A25	Ky. Cardinal Coal Corp., Cardinal, Ky (Cardinal Pictorial)	R-8	good	\$22.00
63	KY 2381-A100	Central Coal Co., Render (Ky) (Miner Pictorial)	R-7	very good	\$18.00
64	KY 1939-E5	Sanborn Supply Co., Molus, Ky	R-10	very good	\$150.00
65	KY 2893-I5	Sunshine Grocery Company, Verda, Ky	R-8	fine	\$75.00
66	KY 837-B100	Drakesboro Coal, Coke & Mining Co., Drakesboro, Ky	R-8	very good	\$25.00
67	KY 837-B5	Drakesboro Coal, Coke & Mining Co., Drakesboro, Ky	R-7	very good	\$15.00
68	KY 2091-G10	Norton Coal Mining Co., Inc. (Nortonville, Ky)	R-6	very good	\$10.00
69	KY 2091-G5	Norton Coal Mining Co., Inc. (Nortonville, Ky)	R-5	very good	\$6.00
70	KY 2091-G1	Norton Coal Mining Co., Inc. (Nortonville, Ky)	R-3	good	\$5.00
71	KY 1919-A100	Wallsend Mercantile Co., Inc. (Mine Station, Ky)	R-9	good	\$25.00
72	KY 1919-A10	Wallsend Mercantile Co., Inc. (Mine Station, Ky)	R-7	very good	\$15.00
73	KY 309-B100	Sapphire Coal Co., Inc., Blue Diamond, Ky	R-7	good	\$20.00
74	KY 309-B10	Sapphire Coal Co., Inc., Blue Diamond, Ky	R-9	good	\$50.00
75	KY 309-F10	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Blue Diamond, Ky	R-4	very good	\$10.00
76	KY 2809-A500	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Toner, Ky	R-3	very good	\$10.00
77	KY 2809-A100	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Toner, Ky	R-3	very good	\$10.00
78	KY 2809-A25	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Toner, Ky	R-3	very good	\$10.00
79	KY 1323-A10a	High Splint Coal Co. (High Splint, Ky)	R-5	good	\$8.00
80	KY 1323-A5	High Splint Coal Co. (High Splint, Ky)	R-5	good	\$8.00
81	KY 1323-C5c	High Splint Coal Co. (High Splint, Ky)	R-8	very good	\$15.00
82	KY 3041-A500	Jellico Splint Coal Co. (Williamsburg, Ky)	R-4	very good	\$8.00
83	KY 3041-B100	Jellico Splint Coal Co. (Williamsburg, Ky)	R-4	very good	\$8.00
84	KY 3041-B50	Jellico Splint Coal Co. (Williamsburg, Ky)	R-4	very good	\$8.00
85	KY 609-C100	Mary Helen Coal Corp., Coalgood, Ky	R-5	good	\$10.00
86	KY 609-F10b	Mary Helen Coal Corporation, (Coalgood, Ky)	R-8	good	\$20.00
87	KY 385-A100a	Harlan Collieries Co. (Brookside, Ky)(Pick & Shovel Pictorial)	R-2	very good	\$10.00
88	KY 385-A25b	Harlan Collieries Co. (Brookside, Ky)(Pick & Shovel Pictorial)	R-6	very good	\$10.00
89	KY 385-A5	Harlan Collieries Co. (Brookside, Ky)(Pick & Shovel Pictorial)	R-6	very good	\$10.00
90	KY 213-E1	Shearn Coal Co. Incorporated, Belton, Ky	R-7	good	\$10.00

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